

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-43 (canceled).

Claim 44 (previously presented). A process for the manufacture of a cured article which comprises admixing at least one expandable particulate material which expands on the application of heat with at least one particulate nano-filler and at least one curable monomer, oligomer and/or polymer to form a mixture and subsequently curing the mixture.

Claim 45 (currently amended). A method of making an adhesive bond, seal or coating comprising applying a composition ~~according to claim 30~~ comprising at least one expandable particulate material which expands on the application of heat and at least one particulate nano-filler, together with at least one polymer and/or at least one curable monomer or oligomer to a substrate and curing the composition.

Claims 46-48 (canceled).

Claim 49 (previously presented). A curable composition comprising (i) one or more reactive monomers, oligomers and/or polymers comprising at least one polyorganosiloxane containing one or more amino, hydroxyl, methacrylic, acrylic or

epoxy groups and (ii) a second component containing reactive species selected from the group consisting of:

- a. epoxy-functional compounds in combination with amino-functional compounds;
- b. hydroxy-functional compounds in combination with isocyanate-functional compounds; and
- c. methacrylic or acrylic functional compounds.

Claim 50 (previously presented). The composition according to claim 49 wherein the reactive species is selected from the group consisting of an epoxy-functional compound in combination with an amino-functional polyorganosiloxane, an isocyanate-functional compounds in combination with a hydroxyl-functional polyorganosiloxane and a methacrylic or acrylic functional compounds in combination with a methacrylated or acrylated polyorganosiloxane.

Claim 51 (previously presented). The composition according to claim 50 wherein the polyorganosiloxane is polydimethylsiloxane.

Claim 52 (previously presented). The composition according to claim 50 which further includes at least one expandable particulate material which expands on the application of heat and at least one particulate nano-filler.

Claims 53-55 (canceled).

Claim 56 (new). A method of enhancing the fire resistance of a substrate by applying a curable composition according to claim 49 to the substrate.

Claim 57 (cancelled).